

CHICAGO COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



# Owasippe Program Planning Guide



## SO—YOU'RE GOING TO CAMP

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HIGHWAY TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO OWASIPPE

Follow South on the Outer Drive to U.S. No. 12 to junction with U.S. 20, follow 20 to Indiana 212. Follow 212 to U.S. 12, then U.S. 12 to junction with U.S. 31 in Benton Harbor. Follow U.S. 31 through Muskegon, to a point approximately 15 miles North, a large sign on the East side of the road marks the entrance to our Camps at this point.



## OWASIPPE

Owasippe! What magic lies in that name! Yes, thousands upon thousands of Chicagoans have come to know its meaning, and to cherish the hours they've had there, the friends they've made.

Owasippe is located in one of the most wonderful, natural habitats in the United States, thousands of acres of light to heavily timbered forest land. We own eight miles of river frontage, three lakes, two creeks, and a number of ponds and bayous. Bass, perch and panfish for the fishing enthusiasts are plentiful; sixty miles of marked woodland hiking trails wind through the camp property and the adjacent holdings of the Manistee National Forest; overnight camps on the trails and for canoe trippers are placed at intermediate points of interest and are equipped with pumps for a cool refreshing drink. Sand bottom lakes make excellent swimming areas, and the camps own and operate some of the finest and safest beaches in all Michigan. Deer, beaver, mink, raccoon, fox, squirrels and rabbits are frequently seen by hikers who also bring back to camp turtles, snakes and frogs. Impressive campfire opportunities are available, and a plentiful supply of timber wood offers many pioneer projects. Opportunities for Scout craft, for Advancement are excellent.

Here, indeed at Owasippe, is a wonderful chance to schedule challenging program opportunities in a natural background conducive to the spirit of good Camping - namely high adventure for every Scout. Also, here is the opportunity to put into operation, the emphasis (made by our Training Committee at Hinsdale Reservation Fellowship Training - the Patrol Method Training at the Kiwanis Reservation) on "the Patrol Method in Camp" under the leadership of live-wire Scout Leaders operating their own program of Scouting skills which makes for Troop camping which in turn will strengthen the Troop for year 'round operations.

Let's train boy leaders guided by trained adult leaders to give our Scouts an enriched experience.

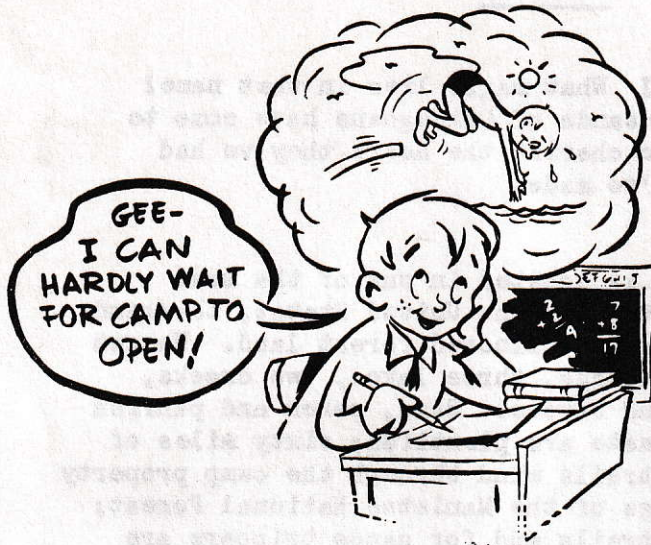


## LET'S START PLANNING!!

You will help this lad's dream come true!

Proper Planning will save two or three days of Camping Fun, Adventure, and Achievement. We want to help you, Mr. Scoutleader.

The Program Councilor of each camping period is a member of our Camp Staff who will assist you and your Leaders to plan a profitable camping experience for your Patrol and Troop.



He will schedule as many meetings as necessary in Chicago, so as to allow your Troop to start actual camping, upon arrival in Camp. Your Troop Program will be integrated into a master program plan. All activities are, therefore, scheduled to make full use of available equipment. The Program Councilor can assist in getting choice Troop-sites when available. This same Program Councilor will come to Camp with you and help to carry out the programs you and he have worked out.

A Troop coming to Camp without definite plans, listed with the Program Councilor, is a Troop that has lost one or more days program opportunities needlessly. This Troop will get what is left of all program opportunities if the Leader does not attend the Program Counciling Meeting before Camp.

### TO GET THE MOST OUT OF CAMP, THERE ARE CERTAIN ESSENTIALS.

1. A planned program (flexible)
2. A sense of Humor
3. Infinite patience
4. A love of boys
5. Capacity for a "Whale of a Good Time".







### CAMP DATES FOR 1955

First Period	July 4 to July 16
Second Period	July 18 to July 30
Third Period	Aug. 1 to Aug. 13
Fourth Period	Aug. 15 to Aug. 27

### TROOP RESERVATIONS

The Troop should file a Claim Stake on Jan. 15, 1955, for 6 boys at \$5.00 each, or \$30.00. At this time they indicate the number of Scouts and Leaders going to Camp. The Claim Stake holds until Mar. 14, 1955. On the 15th of March the places that have not been reserved will be open to all Units on a first come, first served basis (see your Claim Stake Rules that were mailed to you) until each Camp is at capacity.

### RESERVATION FEES

\$5.00 Reservation Fees are only transferable within the unit, and are not refundable under any circumstances.

### LEADERSHIP AGE

There will be no provisional unit leadership provided by the Camp Staff.

First leader must be over 21 years of age.

Second leaders must be 18 years of age or older.

### LEADERSHIP FEES

One leader, 18 years of age or older, may go to Camp free for each 8 Scouts in attendance, Ex: 16 Scouts--2 Leaders free, or part thereof, Ex: 28 Scouts--3 Leaders free and 1 Leader one half the established fee.

### INDIVIDUAL SCOUTS NOT GOING AS A TROOP

It is the Troops responsibility to provide opportunities for their Scouts to attend with other troops.

Six or more Scouts from the same unit constitute a Troop and therefore must come to camp under their own leadership.

### FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CAMPER

Upon payment of fee, a list of final instructions to campers will be furnished. It will tell the individual all he need know about things to bring, train departure, physical examination.

### FINAL BOARD FEE

Boys going the first and second period MUST complete the Camp fee payment by June 18, 1955.

Boys going the third and fourth period MUST complete the Camp fee payment by July 16, 1955.

A Troop that completes their final payment by the June 18th or July 16th date may be assured of the period they had selected at the time of their Claim Stake filing. If the final payment is received after this date, the Council reserves the right to assign the Unit to whatever space is available.

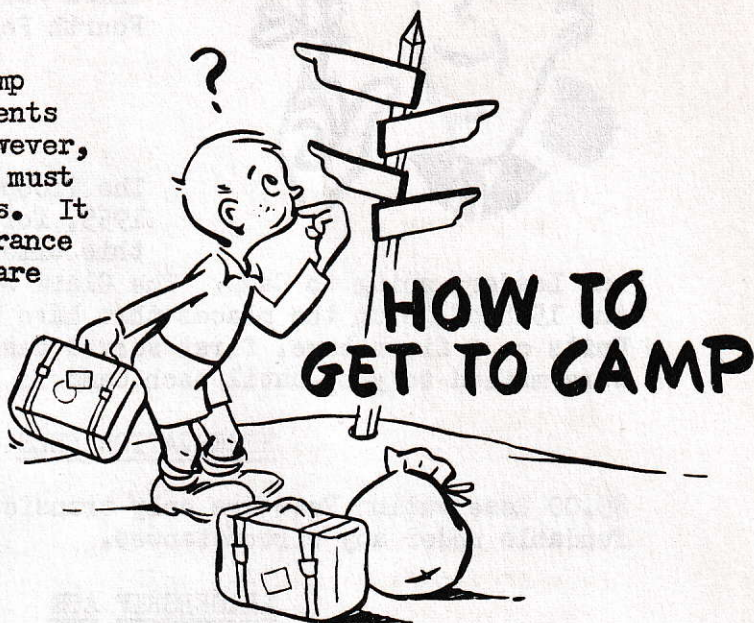


### TRANSPORTATION - IMPORTANT

Scouts and Units must come to Camp by approved transportation. Parents may drive their sons to Camp. However, any other form of transportation must be approved by Scout Headquarters. It must be shown that adequate insurance is had and that Scouts' parents are aware and have approved of this arrangement.

### SPECIAL SCOUT TRAIN

The Chesapeake and Ohio runs a special train for us, within a few miles of Camp. The fare of \$7.50 is the same for one way or round trip.



### COMPLETE CAMP & TRANSPORTATION FEE FOR ONE BOY

Reservation Fee	\$ 5.00
Balance of Board Fee	27.00
Total Camp Fee	32.00
Train Fare	7.50
Total Cost	\$39.50

### STAYOVER FEE

Boys staying over from one period to another under camp supervision and leadership will be charge a stayover fee of \$3.50.

### BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT

Tents, cooking equipment, and all that other gear owned by your Troop - and upon which you've worked so hard - will help to guarantee the fun and adventure of the open trail.

Here's your opportunity to show others those gadgets of which you are so very proud.



### EARLY ARRIVALS - MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY LEADER

Board fee is based on a given number of meals. Scouts or Units arriving earlier will be charged for room and board on the following basis:-



	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Lodging	.50 per night	
Breakfast	.75	.75
Dinner	1.25	1.50
Supper	1.25	1.25

OR

A daily rate of:

Boy	\$2.00	3 meals and board
Leader	\$2.50	3 meals and board

At least one (1) week's advance notice of Troop early arrival must be made to Director of Camping, Owasispe Office, Owasispe, Michigan.

#### BAGGAGE

Each Scout, Leader or Family Camper can take with them into the coach car, a suitcase and bedroll. Footlockers, trunks and boxes can be checked in the baggage car. Upon arrival at the Camp Railhead all baggage is transported to your Camp by truck. We take every reasonable care with such baggage. However, should any be lost or damaged we cannot accept responsibility, nor be charged for its replacement. The unusually low fare for a round trip of over 400 miles allows no money to cover such contingencies.

#### TROOP EQUIPMENT

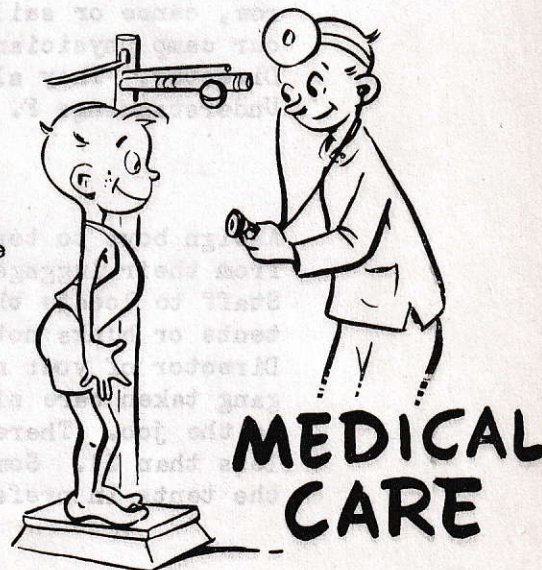
Extra Troop equipment can be checked in the baggage car. This will be of particular interest to Units using the Lone Troop Camps.

#### PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND RECHECK REQUIRED

Each camper must file on entering any Council Boy Scout Camp, a Health History and Physical examination report (form available at Scout Headquarters) properly filled out by his parents and physician. This procedure is for the protection of all and prevents possible spread of a communicable disease and prevents possible over-exertion of weaker boys. Please give 100% cooperation in this matter.

Recheck required upon arrival.

No Swim Test before completion of Physical.  
There will be no exceptions made.





### WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT CAMP



There are signs at the Railhead which indicate where your Camp baggage is to be stacked. Directly behind the baggage sign is another Camp sign. Here the Scouts assemble and when all have gathered they'll be taken to Camp under the guidance of a Staff Man and the Camp Director.

On arrival, a Troop Guide will take you to the dining hall. Here you will be given a table assignment. Also, at this time a waiter and dishwasher assignment sheet will be given to you. Assign two boys who've been to Camp before the first meal, and for the following day.

From the dining hall you'll be taken to the campsite, picking up your baggage as you go. Don't take time for definite tent assignments. Just have the boys get into swim suits for physical recheck at the Health Lodge. Be sure to have Scout Physical Examination forms for each boy.

From the Health Lodge, the boys will go directly to the beach for Swim Test. Most of your first day is taken up with these procedures. In some cases it will continue after dinner, as we try to complete this procedure the first day. When you've finished with the physical and swim test, get settled down in your campsite.

Campers, Leaders, Staffmen and Visitors, who wish to swim, row, canoe or sail MUST obtain a Physical Examination by our camp physician and a Swim Ability Test by our Aquatic Director. They also should agree to our Aquatic Safety Understandings F. 137.

### GETTING SETTLED

Assign boys to tents and bunks. Have them put baggage tags, from their luggage, on the foot of their bunks. This helps Staff to locate them in emergencies. If you are short on tents or bunks notify the Administration Director or the Director of your needs. It is our job to get you and the gang taken care of and we keep a special stand-by crew to do the job. There should be four (4) boys per tent (never less than 3). Sometimes there may be five boys in one of the tents in preference to an additional tent being set-up.



There are ordinarily 2 to 3 Leaders to a tent (more than one Unit may be located in a campsite). Boy campers are never housed in a Leader's tent under any circumstances.



#### WHAT YOU SHOULD FIND IN YOUR CAMPSITE

A sufficient number of tents to house your boys, based on 4 boys per tent. If there are three additional boys, an additional tent can very likely be added. If there are only one or two, we'll try to absorb them by putting a fifth boy in a tent or two.

Each boy tent should have 2 serviceable double deck bunks (if a fifth boy is added, there will be an additional single cot), a water bucket. We do not furnish wash basins.

#### THE LEADER'S TENT

A 10' x 12' side walled tent with wood floor (unscreened), single cots with mattresses for each Leader (adult), a kerosene lantern and two or three brooms (for use through the whole campsite), and a water bucket, and a lock box. Be sure you have all this equipment. Notify the Camp Director or his Assistant as early as possible of your needs.

#### NOW THAT YOU'RE SETTLED

Perhaps when you read this again in Camp you'll laugh at the order of things, but so help me, that's the way we try to make it happen.

Any way, at 5:45 P.M., there will be a retreat (flag lowering ceremony) followed by supper. At the dining hall there will be a lot of important announcements. Plan on a Leaders' meeting after taps and an Order of the Arrow campfire for all Troops, as part of the evening program.

#### IN THE DINING HALL

Table Leaders are at each table. We have a responsibility to teach and maintain good manners. Start by telling the boys there is plenty of food. The first serving pan should serve everyone at the table and there are always seconds. Avoid permitting the boys to reach for food, and require that they remain seated in serving themselves. Insist on a moderate conversation and prevent shouting. Discourage table yells.





they create a disorder. Encourage "please" and "thank you." Be sure none but the assigned waiter goes for food. There are seldom seconds on dessert, one pan per table. Watch out for "old timers" who try to sneak in a second pan, as it may deprive another table of their dessert. Scouting has its obligations.

#### AFTER YOUR FIRST MEAL IN CAMP

Continue to settle your gang down in the campsite. No boating or canoeing tonight. Check with Director or Assistant with regard to your shortages. Let your boys know that the water buckets are not for carrying wash water only, but for fire purposes as well and should be kept filled at all times. Report missing baggage to Camp Director or his Assistant. Give full description and when last seen.



#### OPENING NIGHT

##### CAMPFIRE

Keep your gang together. Control their activities. A campwide fire is easy to control if each Leader keeps his gang in order.

##### TAPS AND BED CHECK

After the campfire, return with the Troop to your campsite. Get them bedded down for the night. Check each tent and satisfy yourself that all boys are present. Use the bed check form which you'll turn in at the Director's appointed place. This assures us that every boy is in Camp. Before leaving your site, designate your Junior Leader as the one in charge while you are at the Leader's meeting. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR BED CHECK BE RETURNED PROMPTLY EACH NIGHT AS YOUR CAMP MUST CHECK WITH THE OWASIPPE OFFICE BY 10:15 P.M.

#### LEADERS' MEETING

Tonight and frequently hereafter there will be a meeting of Leaders. There'll be a brief run down of program problems. You'll meet the Staff. There'll be friendly discussion and no doubt some reminiscing. Of course, there'll be some coffee and a little something to go with it.

#### SECOND DAY

7:30 ..... Reveille  
8:00 ..... Breakfast

If the Troops have not finished their Physical Examinations they will be continued after breakfast. Campers can best be examined if dressed in swim trunks.



## OPEN HOUSE

Station to Station visits: In most Camps at an announced time, there will be a planned rotation of Troops, between the various departments. Presuming you might start at the waterfront - Your gang would be told how much the beach operates, the requirements for canoe trips, the use of the Lone Troop (8 Defense Plan) area. Then a word about boating, canoeing & sailing for Senior Scouts, and some demonstrations. Rangers will train canoe trippers.

At the Rangers - Here there will be a live demonstration in trail cooking, kinds of shelters, canoe camps, types of fires, camp sanitation, Nature lore, edible wild plants, and an explanation of requisitioning of trail foods, loan of equipment, etc.



At the Dining Hall - Here a detailed explanation of how dishwashing is handled in Camp, the check out procedure in the dining hall, where and how dishes are stored and handled, the use of showers and wash tubs, etc.

At the Trading Post - Here you'll be told about mail and the Owassippe Post Office. You'll learn what the store stocks, etc.

### Then comes Lunch and Rest Hour



Right after lunch there's a rest hour. Perhaps as you read this in the city it seems unusual and unnecessary. But when you get into the swing of things you'll no doubt be more appreciative of our consideration. The boys burn excessive energy here at Camp. The days are long and warm, so it is in their interest that we insist on "Rest Hour." It's a good time for napping, writing a letter home, quietly studying for Advancement, or just stretching out and gazing at the sky, breathing deeply of good clean fresh air.

### NOW YOU'RE IN THE SWING OF CAMP PATTERN

We've brought you through the first and second day and a pattern of things has been arrived at. From here on in you'll follow this outline, except for special affairs and events, which will be separately dealt with in the following pages.



### BUGLE CALLS

7:20 A.M. .... No bugle call, but night guard wakens Catholic boys desiring to go to Mass. A neckerchief on the bunk indicates this desire.

7:30 A.M. .... Reveille. Assigned Troop raises flag.

7:45 A.M. .... Waiter's call. Assigned Scouts set table for Troop.

7:55 A.M. .... First Call for breakfast. Start 'em down.

8:00 A.M. .... Chow Call- Breakfast

8:30 A.M. .... Sick Call - (If camp leader desires)

9:15 A.M. .... Attention - First instruction period

10:00 A.M. .... Attention - Second instruction period

10:45 A.M. .... Attention - Third instruction period

12:00 Noon .... Waiter's Call

12:10 P.M. .... First Call for Dinner

12:15 P.M. .... Chow Call - Dinner

..... REST HOUR

2:00 P.M. .... Attention - Fourth instruction period

2:45 P.M. .... Attention - Fifth instruction period

3:25 P.M. .... Swim - First general recreational swim

4:10 P.M. .... Swim - Second general recreational swim

5:00 P.M. .... Life Guard and Staff swim

5:40 P.M. .... Waiter's Call

5:45 P.M. .... Retreat - Assigned Troop lowers flag

6:00 P.M. .... Chow Call - Supper

9:45 P.M. .... Call to quarters. Return to site

9:55 P.M. .... Tattoo. A reminder of our duty to God

10:00 P.M. .... TAPS - LIGHTS OUT AND EVERY SCOUT AND LEADER QUIET

### SPECIAL CALLS AND CHANGES

On Sunday breakfast and lunch are moved up one hour. Church call 7:40 A.M. - Church begins at 8:00 A.M.

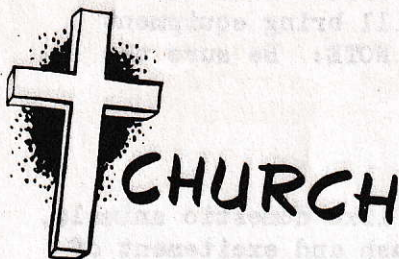
Fire Call ..... At any time - Scouts report to campsites. Await orders.

Arrow Call ..... For Arrow members to meet in designated place.

### ALL OTHER THINGS

That's a big order, but we'll try to touch on a multitude of things about which you'll want to know.





## CHURCH SERVICES

We have arrangements for a Minister, a Catholic Priest, and a Jewish Rabbi on our regular Camp Staff. Their services are available at all times. The regular services are scheduled as follows:

### OWASIPPE LAKE

#### SUNDAY

Protestant	8:00 A.M.	... Outdoor Chapel near Family Camp. In case of rain - Stuart Dining Hall.
Catholic	8:00 A.M.	... Saddlebag Cabin at Camp Beard. In case of rain - Beard Dining Hall. Confessions - 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at Cabin.
Jewish	8:00 A.M.	... Chapel Area at Camp West. In case of rain - West Dining Hall.
Christian Science	8:00 A.M.	... Family Camp Dining Hall Rain or Shine

### BIG BLUE LAKE

Protestant	10:15 A.M.	... Outdoor Chapel. In case of rain Blackhawk Dining Hall.
Catholic	10:15 A.M.	... Barrett Wendell Lodge Rain or Shine - Confessions - by arrangement.
Jewish	10:15 A.M.	... Camp Craft Lodge or Wilderness Factor Cabin. As announced.
Christian Science		By arrangement

#### SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES

Catholic	Daily Mass at 7:20 A.M. Beard, Saddlebag Cabin (Owasippe Lake only). Holy Days and special devotions as announced.
Jewish	Friday service, at Camp West as announced.
Protestant	By arrangement, as announced.



## FIRE CALL

Report to your Troop campsite for instruction. Fill all pails with water (keep filled). Staff will bring equipment to central area for issuance if needed. NOTE: Be sure the Owasippe Office has been notified.

## PETS

Sorry no dogs or other pets in Camp. We like domestic animals, too, but they react differently in the rush and excitement of camp life. Experience dictates that there be none. No exceptions please!

## FIREARMS

No matter what, should not be brought to Camp. If they are brought by permission of the Owasippe Office they will be kept (ammunition as well) by the Local Camp Director, in his tent and used at such times, in such places, and under qualified leadership, which the Owasippe Office has approved. THIS APPLIES TO ALL CAMPS AND ALL CAMPERS, INCLUDING LONE TROOP.

## LEADERS AND BOYS IN TOWN

We discourage boys going or being taken to town for any other than the most essential reasons. NO BOY IS TO BE PERMITTED IN TOWN AFTER TAPS WITH OR WITHOUT LEADERSHIP. No exceptions should be requested. When it is necessary for boys and Leaders to be in town, their conduct should exemplify the very best of Scouting.

Smoking only by Adults over 18 years old

No cat calls at women

Clean and properly dressed

## CHECK OUT WHEN LEAVING CAMP

Scouts and Leaders must check out of Camp with the Director or Assistant. It is the only way of knowing where our people are in an emergency. Who knows when a phone call may come for you, or a lost bather's drill occur.

## SMOKING

We don't believe in masking the fact that our Leaders smoke. It is a natural and a common thing to which the boys are accustomed. However, we do feel there is a time and place for it. We do not smoke, therefore, in the dining hall or at any campwide gatherings. It is preferable that occasion permitting, you smoke in your tent or along the trail. No boy under 18 is permitted to smoke without written consent of parent or guardian and then only on the Smoke Trail, or at such times and in such places as the Scoutmaster may direct.





### OWASIPPE POST OFFICE

Our Camps maintain a regular Post Office, with full mailing facilities. Mail is received and goes out daily, except Sunday. Money Orders, registered letters and insured parcels are handled too. Stamps and post cards are available here, as well as in the Camp Stores.

### SHOWERS AND WASHING.

Camp showers and wash tubs are available for use of campers. They may be used at designated hours. This is necessary because hot water must be conserved in order to assure an ample supply for the dishes. A schedule will be posted and made known in each of the Camps.



### MEDICAL CARE - ACCIDENTS AND ILLNESS

Each of the larger Camps has a Health Lodge. This building has a two bed ward for use of patients, a larger examination room and living quarters for the camp "Health Officer." The Health Officer is usually a Senior Medical Student, under the supervision of a Chief Physician, who is fully licensed and practicing. Daily visits are made by the Chief Physician, and it is he who makes the decision in cases requiring hospitalization.

The Owasisippe Scout Camps make provision for all ordinary emergencies and furnish such treatment without cost. It is not possible for us to furnish special medicines or prescriptions, however, nor will we assume the obligation of administering shots, etc. without the written direction of your attending physician. All material for such treatment must be supplied by the individual.

If in the opinion of our Chief Camp Physician, the treatments prescribed are inadequate, or ineffective, it will be necessary (a) Hospitalize or (b) send patient home if plausible.



- a. Hospitalization - Muskegon, Michigan (17 miles from Camp at Hackley Hospital). Arrangements are made for the acceptance of all referred patients, and treatment is given by Doctors who have cared for boys from Owasippe for over ten years.
- b. Patient Sent Home - Having advised with Scout's parents arrangements for transportation will be made in accordance with their advice.
- c. Consultation available with physician and surgeon in nearby town of Whitehall (3 miles).

#### INSURANCE

Under the present plan each Camper is amply covered by insurance to care for any unforeseen emergencies, based on the following schedule:

1. \$1,500 Medical Expense for EACH ACCIDENT
2. 350 for Medical Expenses for each sickness
3. 1,500 for Medical Expenses for POLIO
4. 2,500 for Accidental Death or Dismemberment

#### TRADITIONS

Owasippe has many traditions. To name but a few:--

We go and return from Church in silence. This assures quiet for those still at services. This is more than tradition, it is a mark of consideration and gentlemanliness.

We use stairs and paths on the hillsides, helping to preserve natural growth and prevent erosion. Don't be a hill-billy.

A dropped candy wrapper makes our ground look badly. In order to aid in keeping up to par, it is traditional that Scouts picking up a wrapper dropped by another Scout may claim half of the candy bar. ("I see it Scout")

Other traditions will be made known to you in Camp.

#### CAMP DUTIES

Your Troop will be assigned the responsibility of certain duties in Camp, on a pre-arranged schedule. Such jobs as kybo duty (cleaning latrines), shower cleaning, raising flag at Reveille, lowering flag at Retreat, night or fire guard duty, orderly duty, etc. Your Director or Coordinator will work out details with you in Camp.



### CAMPSITE HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECK-UP (F. 172)

The Owasippe Scout Camps conduct only one formal inspection in each period. However, the Camp Director will make informal inspections throughout the period for health and safety and personal cleanliness. The balance of the time, such matters are in the hands of Scout Leaders. At a Leader's meeting you will decide on the matter of inspection. Sometimes each Unit chooses to regulate the matter for themselves, or the Leaders may choose to take turns in inspecting the Camp daily. We do not build character by keeping sloppy quarters, nor learn thrift through carelessness in handling our personal property. Keep a sharp lookout for wet things in laundry bags and duffle. This causes mildew and all of a person's clothing can be permanently damaged by such carelessness. TENT FLAPS UP EXCEPT ON VISITOR'S DAY AND IN VERY BAD WEATHER. AIR BEDDING. Do this frequently when the weather is good. KEEP CLOTHES LINE HIGH. Help avoid accidents. All lines should be over six feet up. F 172 shall be used for inspections.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO OWASIPPE FROM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 1955

Board of Review for Second and First Class Rank should be limited to those Troops who have their Troop Board of Review in Camp.

Approved Merit Badges for all Owasippe Camps.

SCOUT LIFE GUARD must be First Class or Explorer equivalent and hold Swimming, Rowing, and Life Saving Merit Badges. Unit Leader in Camp must certify in writing that Scout applicant of his Troop is qualified - certification to be stapled to the Scout Life Guard application.

CAMP HONORS (See Honors Booklet F. 80 ) Numerals, Aquatic, Craft Explorer, Nature, Hiking emblems.

TROOP AWARDS given upon completion of the necessary requirements (F. 121) based on good Boy Scout Camping Techniques. These are given to Troops who have their own leadership in Camp for the entire period.

ADULT TRAINING CERTIFICATES awarded to those Leaders who meet the necessary requirements and put them into practical operation with their Troop. All are rated as Specialization Courses.

Two Weeks in Camp

Craft - See F. 233

Nature - See F. 234

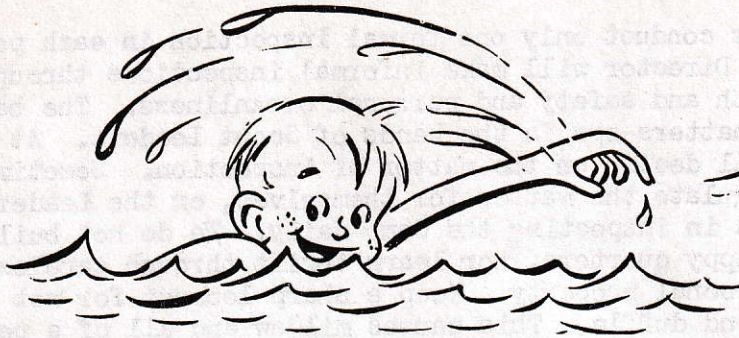
Water Safety - See F. 235

### MERIT BADGE COUNCILING

Members of the Camp Staff are approved Merit Badge Councilors. They perform their duties according to National Policy and as directed by the Advancement Committee of the Chicago Council.



AQUATIC SAFETY  
UNDERSTANDINGS  
(See F. 137)



True we've some pretty tough rules on our waterfront and at first glance, you may think a lot of it is not really necessary, but over 44 years of

operation without a fatality says it's good operation.

CAMPERS - LEADERS - STAFF - VISITORS

Desiring to swim, row, canoe, or sail

1. Must obtain a physical examination by our Camp Doctor.
2. Must take a swim ability test, given by our Aquatic Staff.
3. Must be willing to comply to all Aquatic Understandings.

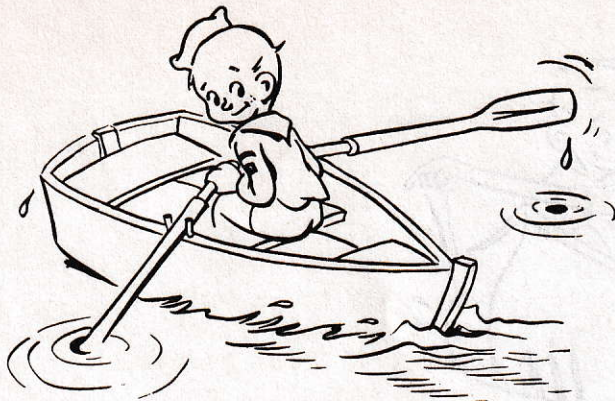
This is for your protection, as well as ours.

CAMPING COMMITTEE  
CHICAGO COUNCIL, B.S.A.

There are three main swimming divisions on our beaches. The area for swimmers is off the end of the pier, non-swimmer area is in a shallow crib to one side and the beginners in a crib (roped off area) to the other side of the pier. Boys and Leaders "Buddy-up" with persons of like swimming ability. They may buddy with anyone, but they must swim in the area designated to the poorer swimmer. Tags are given each person, indicating their ability. These are placed on one of the two Buddy Boards. When swimming the tags indicate the buddies who are together on the "in water" board. They check out by transferring tag to "out of water" board.

Be sure the boys use the control board, as failure to check in or out can cause much difficulty. It necessitates an immediate lost bather's drill, call for a resuscitator and dispatching of doctors and key staffmen to the beach.





WHO MAY USE ROWBOATS AND CANOES  
AND SAIL EQUIPMENT

These rules apply to Scouts, Scoutleaders, Family Camp and Visitors. They have been accepted by your Aquatic Staff to insure Maximum Safety for all. Please do not ask for exceptions.

	Swim Points		Swim Points		Swim Points
<u>NON-SWIMMERS</u> One who does not swim at least 50 feet.	0	May be taken out in rowboat <u>only</u> by Aquatic Staff or Sr. ARC Life Saver	X	May be taken out in canoe <u>only</u> by the Aquatic Staff or Sr. ARC Life Saver	X
<u>BEGINNERS</u> Can pass BSA Beginners Requirements but not 50 yards	1	May be taken out in rowboat by a Sr. ARC or Scout Life Guard	9	May be taken out in canoe <u>only</u> by Aquatic Staff or Sr. ARC Life Saver	X
<u>INTERMEDIATE SWIMMER</u> Can pass 1st Class 50 yard requirement but not BSA Swimmers' Requirement	2	May use rowboat with person of equal swimming ability or of higher swimming ability	4	May use canoe with Sr. ARC or Scout Life Guard, who is in Canoeing MB class or who has Canoeing MB	10
<u>SWIMMER</u> Can pass BSA Swimmer's Requirement	3	May use rowboat with person who is an intermediate swimmer or of higher swimming ability	5	May use canoe with Jr. ARC (or better) who has Canoeing MB or is in Canoeing MB Class. May sail with Skipper	9
<u>SWIMMING MERIT BADGE</u>	4	May use rowboat with person who is an intermediate swimmer or of higher swimming ability	6	May use canoe with another swimmer of equal or higher swimming ability provided either has Canoeing MB or is in Canoeing MB class. May sail with Skipper.	8





	Swim Points		Swim Points		Swim Points
<u>LIFE SAVING MERIT BADGE</u>	5	May use rowboat with any person who is an intermediate swimmer or of higher swimming ability	7	May use canoe with another person who has Swimming MB or of higher swimming ability if in Canoeing MB class or having Canoeing MB. May sail with a Skipper	9
<u>JUNIOR A.R.C.</u>	6	May use rowboat with any person who is an intermediate swimmer or higher swimming ability	8	May use canoe with another person who is a <u>swimmer</u> or of higher swimming ability if in Canoe- MB class or having Canoeing MB. May sail with a Skipper.	9
<u>SENIOR A.R.C. SCOUT LIFE GUARD</u>	8	May use rowboat with one person who is a beginner or one or more persons who are intermediate swimmers or of higher swimming ability	9	May use canoe with intermediate swim- mer or one of higher ability if in Canoe- ing MB class or having Canoeing MB May sail with a skipper	10

#### SWIMMING ON THE TRAIL

On the hike, what could be more refreshing than a cool dip, and what more dangerous than an unknown beach or an unsupervised swim?

We use the simple "Eight Defense Plan" to protect the swimmers. Learn it. Use it for guidance (See F. 165).



## OUTLINE OF EIGHT DEFENSE PLAN FOR TROOP SWIMMING

1. Each Scout has a medical exam
2. A Leader (trained if possible) is in charge
3. Examine entire bottom of proposed swim area
4. Two able swimmers, serve as guards
5. Lookout stationed where all swimmers can be seen. A good spot for an adult non-swimmer
6. Divide group and swim in depths equivalent to their ability.
7. Use Buddy System. Sticks in ground or old bean cans with name and ability written on them will do.
8. Intelligent discipline. Rules made and understood by the Scouts.



### On the Trail

There are sixty miles of marked hiking trails at Owasippe, and hundreds of miles of unmarked trails to explore.

Perhaps no other Scout Council can offer its equivalent. How many of these trails do we own? VERY LITTLE OF ANY OF THEM. We use our neighbor's property and will be free to do

so as long as we show ourselves Scouts and Campers. Our dangers lie in Trespassing, Damaging Property, Discourtesy, Not Leaving a Clean Campsite, or causing fire by not putting fires out, DEAD OUT.

### IF YOU GET ON THE ROAD

Give way on the road. Driving in sand is difficult. Walk against traffic whenever you must be on the road. Left side facing traffic is the right side of the road to be on.

### STICK TO TRAILS

It's proven shorter to any hike destination. It's far more beautiful, shadier, less tiring and far less dangerous.

We can walk city streets any time, but how often can you find the real beauties of Owasippeland? Our trails are through selected areas. The beauties and wonders of Nature are all around you. Listen, hear the trickle of the creek, and the lap of the beaver tail? There, that hum'mm, hear it? That's a bee tree. Quiet now, there's a doe and her fawn, and a bird next right in the bush along side of the trail, and some "little boids" in it! Can you see that on a hot dusty, and dangerous road?





There are pumps on the trail, too.  
Cool, fresh and approved water.  
Don't go into a neighbor's yard and  
use their pump. If you must have  
water, send one Scout to ask per-  
mission. Let him fill canteens.  
After all, you don't want 20 boys  
in your house after water, do you?

Remember then a good CAMPER

Stays on the trails  
Pumps water with full easy strokes  
Washes away from pump  
Cuts fallen timber only  
Burns all garbage  
Buries all tin cans, deep  
Puts all fires out, DEAD OUT

#### GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

A Scout is courteous. That is basic in good relationships. Before the hike talk with boys about being thoughtful of our neighbors. They are our friends of many years standing. It is they who have helped us with finding lost Scouts, fought fire to protect our property. They are the merchants who extend discounts to us in our buying, thereby making Camp costs less for you. They have given us the 40 Acre Camp Craft lot.

Be thoughtful, Be courteous, in short .....

#### BE SCOUTS!!

#### HIKE AND CANOE TRIP REQUISITIONS

File order for food 48 hours in advance of need. Sometimes this can be managed on short notice. We'll try ... But you must be cooperative and understanding.

Hike Requisition - Use Form #41.

Canoe Trips - Use Form #41 for food and Form #138 for trip data. Payment for canoe trip must be made 24 hours in advance of departure or by noon the day prior to the trip. In case of cancellations we can allow another Troop to take the trip.



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LEADER'S FAMILY CAMP INFORMATION

Owasippe Lake Leader's Family Camp  
and  
Blue Lake Leader's Family Camp

CAMP PURPOSE

Leader's Family Camp is devoted to giving an enjoyable vacation to the wives and families of Chicago Scouters, while the men are giving leadership to the Scouts in the nearby Camps. It is situated just far enough from the other Camps to give it privacy and not to interfere with the program of the Boys' Camps. Close enough to make frequent visits by Leaders feasible.

THE ACCOMMODATIONS

Screened tents are located around a central dining hall and recreation building overlooking Owasippe and Big Blue Lakes. Each family is allotted for its own use, one or more screened tents, which are equipped with double or single beds, mattresses, metal cabinet, small table, lantern (kerosene), bucket and broom. The tents have board floors and walls, and are dry and comfortable. It is truly a Camp, yet has all conveniences needed for thorough enjoyment and health. The toilets are conveniently located. Hot water is available. There are showers and facilities for clothes washing during specified hours. "Alternating current electricity is available in the dining hall."

FOR THE VERY SMALL YOUNGSTERS

A few high chairs and a limited number of cribs with mattresses are available. Special foods may be purchased in a nearby town and prepared on a centrally located gas plate in the dining hall provided for this purpose.

WHO MAY ATTEND

The members of the immediate households of any Scouter who is, at the time, giving Leadership at Owasippe. This also applies to members of the Camp Staff. Arrival time: Any time after 4:00 P.M. Sunday before period opens. First meal served Monday evening. Departure Time: Any time Before 12:30 P.M. Saturday at the end of period. Last meal served, breakfast Saturday morning.

PROGRAM

Entirely informal participation in any event is optional. Hikes, swimming (supervised by A.R.C. Water Safety Instructor), campfires, etc. The camp has a fine collection of books loaned by the Chicago Public Library. Trips to the Boys' Camps are scheduled for Thursdays and Sundays.

Male members of the family may visit and take part in the Family Camp program, provided their Scouts are taken care of. You may also swim at Family Camp by taking your Buddy Tag. Drive or walk over. Same Aquatic Rules are in effect at Leaders' Family Camp.



## HEALTH

The services of the Camp Physician are quickly available for minor treatments or emergency. Water and general health conditions are approved by the State of Michigan and the Camping Committee of the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America.

## PERIODS

First	July 4 to July 16	Third	August 1 to August 13
Second	July 18 to July 30	Fourth	August 15 to August 27

## BRING WITH YOU

3 blankets (per person), sheets, pillow cases, pillows, towels, personal gear, etc. Informal dress at all times.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Fill out Family Camp application form. Send it with \$5.00 per person, per period, to the Camping Service, Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America, 9 W. Washington, Chicago 2, Ill. Do this as soon as you make up your mind to go to be sure you will have a place reserved. Reservation fee is not returnable. It is requested that you make reservations before coming to Camp and pay balance of fee and transportation one month prior to the beginning of the period. Otherwise, we may not be able to accommodate you, although every effort will be made to do so. Part periods will be arranged whenever possible.

## TRANSPORTATION

Family may furnish own transportation or use the Special Scout Train at the Scout rate, \$7.50 round trip, leaving Grand Central Station, Harrison and Wells Sts. via Chesapeake & Ohio R.R. at 8:00 A.M., D.S.T. This Fee includes special transportation between Family Camp and the railhead. Childrens' charge will be the same except when the railroad requires no ticket for children five years of age or under.

## FAMILY CAMP RATES

	<u>Day Rates</u>	<u>Period Fees</u>
Adults & Children, 10 years & up	\$3.00	\$32.00
Children, 3 to 9 years	2.15	25.00
Children under 3 years	1.75	19.00

Arrival Time: Any time after 4:00 P.M. Sunday before period opens.  
First meal served Monday evening.

Departure Time: Any time before 12:30 P.M. Saturday at the end of period.  
Last meal served, breakfast Saturday morning.



## GENERAL OUTLINE OF PLANS FOR COUNCIL CAMPING

### PLAN #1

#### Beard, Stuart, West, and Blackhawk

Camp provides improved campsite, dining hall, meals, a full camp staff, tents, cots, showers, latrines, boats, canoes, aquatic safety equipment, administrative and health service, water bucket.

Troop provides Unit and Patrol leadership, planned program, personal equipment and hike gear, wash basins.

Fee: Base fee \$32.00    Transportation \$7.50    Total Fee \$39.50

### Plan #2

#### Camp Wilderness

Camp provides improved campsite, small staff, store with limited stock, dining hall and kitchen (big enough for 32 persons), small stove, adirondack shacks (housing 6 persons each), pump, latrines, boats, canoes, and aquatic safety equipment in accordance with population, administrative and health service.

Troop provides program, leadership, food, ice, eating utensils (dishes and silverware), personal equipment and hike gear.

Fee: Base fee \$7.50    Suppling your own food.  
Base fee 25.00    With hot packed food.

If a unit wishes to come with its own equipment, set up their own camp, tents, bunks, all your camping gear:

Camp provides Supervised beach, pump, latrines, Trading Post, Wilderness personnel, medical personnel.

Fee: \$ 4.00 per boy, do your own cooking.  
19.50 per boy, with hot pack meals.

Lone Troops may arrive Saturday, 5:00 P.M. before period opens.  
Depart Saturday, 4:P.M. at end of period.

### Plan #3

#### Camp Pioneer and Hiawatha Beach

ACCOMMODATIONS: Camp is set up for 32 boys and 4 leaders.

1. There are 8 tents, 4 boys each. Tents are unscreened have wooden floors, double bunks, and are equipped with one bucket.
2. Leaders' tents are screened; equipped with single cots and mattresses, a bucket and lantern.
3. Kitchen Dining Unit is equipped with the following;  
2 large stock pots                      Serving pans (long and round)  
2 gas burners (cook plates)              Ice box  
Wash tubs (for dishes)                      Fire Pit (for water heating)
4. Arriving & Leaving: Units will arrive no earlier than 5:00 P.M. on Saturday and leave by 4:00 P.M. Saturday on the departure date.



## RENTAL OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

Additional tents (unscreened) with floors, double bunks (or singles with mattresses if for Leaders' use), bucket and lantern are available at an additional charge. They will be erected by the Unit. Availability of additional tents will be based on Owasippe Office Registration figures at 4 or 5 boys to a tent.

WATER FRONT DIRECTOR: He must be a current qualified water safety instructor.

WATERFRONT: Two boats and two canoes will be furnished, regardless of increase in registration. Basic needs for waterfront operation will be made available. There can be no guarantee of a pier or additional equipment. All Owasippe Aquatic Safety Understanding, as in Aquatic Manual, will be adhered to.

CHECK OUT PROCEEDURE: Each Unit will be held accountable for the proper care and maintenance of facilities. Damages to equipment, or loss, will be billed to the unit. A check-out procedure will be used hereafter, with a member of the Unit leadership and a representative of the Owasippe Office present. At this time, all property must be accounted for, and the Camp be found in serviceable condition for the succeeding Unit.

CLEANLINESS: If the Camp is left in unsatisfactory condition, the Owasippe Office will bring in a crew to place things in order, and bill the Unit for the hours spent, at the current rates for such labor.

CONDUCT: Units using Lone Troop Sites must comply with the Minimum National Standards of the Boy Scouts of America, plus Owasippe Camp regulations relating to personal conduct, town leave, smoking, etc. There is an absolute prohibition against the use or storage of beer, wine, liquor, or any alcoholic beverage. No exceptions under any circumstances.

TROOP PROVIDES food, ice, leadership, basins, kerosene, cooking fuel (bottled gas) and additional personal equipment, including eating utensils.

FEE: Base Fee per Scout \$5.00.

### PLAN #4

White River LumberCamp (for real campers)

Camp Provides: campsite, pump, box latrine, two canoes, and limited amount of aquatic safety equipment.

Troop Provides: program, leadership, food, ice, stove, fuel, tentage, cots, lanterns, pails, basins, all personal equipment, including cooking and eating utensils. All rules and procedures as outlined in the Owasippe Aquatic Manual will be adhered to.

Fee: Base Fee per Scout \$3.00

WATERFRONT INSTRUCTION: Water Safety lectures and Water Safety instruction training will be available in Chicago free.



# CANOE TRIPS

(Limited to the amount of equipment available. White River Overnight Trips shall have first priority).

RIVER	START	FINISH	AVERAGE TRIP LENGTH	NUMBER OF CANOES	HAULING COST	MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY
White	Scott's Gully	Canoe Landing	Overnight	4	\$14.00	11
				5	17.50	14
				6	21.00	17
White	Taylor Bridge	Whitehall (between Fishing Camp & Bridge)	3 days	6	25.00	17
Muskegon	Newaygo	U.S. 31 Bridge at Causeway	3 days	6	35.00	17
Muskegon	Hardy Dam	Bridgeton Brge.	3 days	6	40.00	17
Muskegon	Croton Dam	Maple Island	3 days	6	40.00	17
Pere Marquette	Baldwin	Ludington-U.S. 31 & Bridge	3 days	6	45.00	17
*Pine	Skookum Bridge	Tippy Dam US 31	3 days	6	55.00	17
*Manistee	Skookum Bridge	Tippy Dam US 31	5 days	6	55.00	17

## Pre-requisites:

1. Trip Leaders- Adults having up-to-date Sr. ARC Life Saving certificate and being expert campers and canoeists, able to meet emergencies (should be in last canoe of the trip). See F138 a.b.c. & F212. Must be 18 years or older.
2. For all Trips-Scouts MUST be physically fit and have Canoeing Merit Badge or be in Canoeing Instruction Group. Also take Refresher Review-(take off, strokes, white water, landing, proper canoe packing and canoe camp). See F138 & F214.
3. For White River Trips-Meet qualifications listed in #2 and demonstrate ability to swim 50 yards. See F138 & F212.
4. For Muskegon (See F152) and Pere Marquette (see F151)-Meet qualifications listed in #2 and demonstrate ability to swim 100 yards.
- \*5. For Pine and Manistee Rivers (See F153)-Must be limited to Explorer Scouts at least 14 years of age. Meet qualification listed in #2 and #4. This is the fastest river in Michigan, subjected to flash floods and is full of log jams, fallen trees and boulders. It sure can be a tough one!
6. Ranger must be accompanied by Adult leader.

ALL DAMAGED OR LOST EQUIPMENT MUST BE PAID FOR OR REPLACED.



## OLDER BOY OPPORTUNITIES AT OWASIPPE

### For High Adventure

#### FOR ADVANCEMENT SEE:

1. Exploring Advancement Chart-Form 34a
2. Honors Booklet-F. 80-Explorer Border Strip
3. Owasippe Unit Award-F.121
4. Scout Life Guard
5. Sr. A.R.C. Life Saving
6. Owasippe Sailing Manual
7. Apprentice Award Opportunities
8. Explorer Rating Opportunities - must be pre-planned - bring necessary equipment to camp with your unit.
  - a. Craft Skills:-Requirement #2,3,4,6,7,8,10
  - b. Emergency Skills:-Requirement #1, Part of 3,5,8,9,10
  - c. Navigation Skills:-Requirement #1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10
  - d. Outdoor Skills:-Requirement #1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10
  - e. Physical Fitness Skills:-Requirement #3,4,5,8,9, Part of 10
  - f. Seamanship Skills:-Requirement #1,2,3,4,5,6,9
  - g. Vocational Skills:-Requirement #1
9. Adult Specialty Courses-Aquatics, Craft and Nature (See Forms #233,234, 235) Available to Leaders over 18 years of age.

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS - To get a word picture of Owasippe, read first few pages of this pamphlet.

1. Pine River Canoe Trip - fastest river in Michigan for qualified Explorers only. See F. 153. Other trips available on White, Muskegon and Pere Marquette Rivers if equipment and hauling are available.
2. Sailing Dinghy (at Blackhawk and Wilderness)
3. Sailing Canoe (at Beard, Blackhawk, Stuart, West, Wilderness)
4. War Canoe (Beard, Blackhawk, Stuart, West, Wilderness)
5. Hikes, most any kind from one hour to seven days - you name it.
6. Indian Lore - Order of the Arrow
7. Craft
8. Ceremonies (you plan them)

#### PLANS FOR CAMPING

To fit your purse and experience of you Unit, from basic to advanced.



# See You At The Trading Post!



## CAMP EQUIPMENT HEADQUARTERS

The Trading Post is your store . . . Operated by the National Council, BSA, just for you and your fellow Scouts! With camp just around the corner, it's the perfect place to do your Scout shopping. You'll find more uniforms, more equipment, more of everything waiting at the Boy Scout Trading Post!

## HIKE AND CAMP Check List

Scout Field Cap*	_____
Official V-Neck Shirt*	_____
Official Long-Sleeve Shirt*	_____
Official Shorts*	_____
Official Long Trousers*	_____
Official Leggings*	_____
Official Stockings	_____
Official Belt*	_____
Official Khaki Socks	_____
White Wool Socks	_____
Neckerchief and Slide*	_____
Official Scout T-Shirts*	_____
Official Sweat Shirt*	_____
Official Scout Sweater*	_____
Official Poncho or Raincoat	_____
Official Swim Trunks	_____
Underwear and Pajamas	_____
Official Scout Shoes	_____
Moccasins or Sneakers	_____
Duffel Bag, Haversack	_____
Blankets or Sleeping Bag	_____
Official Cook Kit	_____
Vitt-L-Kit (Knife, Fork, Spoon)	_____
Official Canteen	_____
Scout First Aid Kit	_____
Handkerchiefs	_____
Scout Toilet Kit	_____
Soap, Towels and Washcloth	_____
Toothpaste and Brush	_____
Comb and Brush	_____
Camp Mirror	_____
Flashlight, Batteries	_____
Scout Handbook For Boys	_____
Scout Knife	_____
Scout Field Book	_____

\*Registration Card Required for Purchase

## OFFICIAL UNIFORMS

Every member of the Trading Post staff is in Scouting, specially trained to serve you! These Scouts know your needs, and you can rely on them to help you select the correct camp uniform. You'll find just what you want in the exact size you need because the Trading Post has the largest selection of Scout Uniforms in the world.

## SCOUT EQUIPMENT

The Trading Post shines in this department! Shelves packed with exciting outdoor equipment . . . Official camping gear, plus many special items that will add to your fun this summer; the Trading Post has more Scout equipment than you've ever seen before, and here too, you can count on the trained Scout staff to help you choose what you need.

USE THIS LIST TWO WAYS

1—AS A GUIDE FOR ROUNDING UP PROPER EQUIPMENT FOR YOU AND YOUR BOYS.

2—AS A CHECK-LIST OF THE ITEMS YOU ARE TAKING TO CAMP.

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